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1. FOLLOWING IS OUR SUGGESTED FORMAL STATEMENT FOR
AMBASSADOR DUBS' CREDENTIALS CEREMONY. WE WILL PRESENT
IT TO HIM FOR APPROVAL AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN KABUL JULY 10.
SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT HAVE SUGGESTED ADDITIONS, PLEASE
ADVISE. AT THE MOMENT, WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER AN
EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS WILL BE NECESSARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT. "PRESIDENT TARAKI. I AM GREATLY HONORED
TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER TO BE THE
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHAN-
ISTAN. IN THE THIRTY YEARS SINCE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WERE RAISED TO THE AMBASSADORIAL
LEVEL, NINE PREVIOUS AMERICAN DIPLOMATS HAVE SERVED IN
THIS CAPACITY. MY HIGHEST PRIORITY IS TO CARRY ON THE
ESSENTIAL WORK OF MY PREDECESSORS, WHICH IS TO
STRENGTHEN THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES. IN MY DEALINGS WITH YOUR GOVERN-
MENT, I WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE
THAT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE CONDUCTED IN
A FRIENDLY, CANDID, AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER.
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"MOMENTOUS EVENTS HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN PLACE
IN YOUR COUNTRY, LEADING TO THE FORMATION OF
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. ON
BEHALF OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT, I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT MY GOVERN-
MENT WISHES TO WORK WITH YOURS TO PURSUE POLICIES

WHICH SERVE OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS AND ENHANCE THE
PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
FOR OUR PART, THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY ENDORSES
AND SUPPORTS YOUR STATED FOREIGN POLICY PRINCIPLE
OF NONALIGNMENT, AND REAFFIRMS ITS INTEREST IN
THE INDEPENDENCE OF AFGHANISTAN. IN ADDITION, WE
WISH TO CONTINUE OUR AID PROGRAMS WITH THE OBJECTIVE
OF CONTINUING YOUR COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
PROGRESS. LASTLY, WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT PEACEFUL
RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH ASIA
REGION WILL BE MAINTAINED, SO THAT EACH NATION CAN
PURSUE ITS COURSE OF DEVELOPMENT INDEPENDENTLY AND
AS IT SO CHOOSES.

"IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE MY
PLEASURE AT BEING HERE IN THIS HISTORIC CAPITAL
OF YOUR ANCIENT LAND, AND HAVING THE PRIVILEGE
OF REPRESENTING MY COUNTRY AND GOVERNMENT TO
YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN."
END TEXT.
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